

HOUSE BILL 7015
By Harwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
Chapter 19, relative to prohibiting campaign
contributions on state property.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 19, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

2-19-1__.

(a) It shall be an offense for any person to solicit or receive a campaign contribution in connection with a federal, state, or local election from a person who is located in a room, building, or other facility occupied in the discharge of official duties by an officer or employee of the state of Tennessee. It shall be an offense for an individual who is an officer or employee of the state of Tennessee, including the governor, members of the state house of representatives, or members of the state senate, to solicit or receive a campaign contribution in connection with a federal, state, or local election, while in any room, building, or other facility occupied in the discharge of official duties by an officer or employee of the state of Tennessee, from any person.

(b) The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply to the receipt of contributions by persons on the staff of a senator, representative, or the governor, provided that such contributions have not been solicited in any manner which directs the contributor to mail or deliver a contribution to any room, building, or other facility referred to in subsection (a), and provided that such contributions are transferred within seven (7) days of receipt to a political campaign committee.

(c) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class B misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.